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SUBJ: MEETING WITH UK PERMREP RICHARD, MARCH 11, ON SOUTHERN

AFRICA

1. AT UK PERMREP RICHARD'S REQUEST, AMB BENNETT MET WITH HIM
AT USUN, AFTERNOON MARCH 11. RICHARD HAD COME TO DISCUSS
UPCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL CALENDAR AND, SPECIFICALLY,
SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES.

2. RICHARD BEGAN BY COMMENTING NEGATIVELY ON TONE OF MOZAMBIQUE
REQUEST FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 16 (SEPTEL).
RATHER THAN DEWLING ON QUESTION OF SANCTIONS OFFSET,
MOZAMBIQUE HAD FOCUSSED ON RHODESIAN "AGGRESSION."
RICHARD HAS SPOKEN WITH TANZANIAN PERMREP SALIM IN AN
EFFORT TO HAVE SALIM ENCOURAGE MOZAMBIICANS TO RESTRICT DEBATE
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TO QUESTION OF OFFSET. OTHERWISE, RICHARD REASONS,

CONSIDERABLE DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES COULD ARISE FOR POTENTIAL
DONORS WHO MIGHT FEAR THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO
MOZAMBIQUE WOULD GO TO SUPPORTING GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES
AGAINST RHODESIA AND, FURTHER, MIGHT FALL INTO CUBAN HANDS.

3. RICHARD THEN RECOUNTED HIS TWO MEETINGS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN
PERMREP BOTHA (USUN 921 AND USUN 877) (BOTH NOTAL).

RICHARD SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD BOTHA NOT TO COUNT ON UK VETOING
AN SC RESOLUTION CONDEMNING PRETORIA. RICHARD WENT AS FAR
AS TO TELL AMB BENNETT THAT UK MIGHT VOTE IN FAVOR OF A
RESOLUTION CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICA ALONE. (IT IS CONCEIVABLE,
IN BRITISH VIEW, THAT SUCH A RESOLUTION ALSO COULD INCLUDE
A PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH WHICH WOULD CONDEMN ALL FOREIGN INTER-
VENTION.)

4. RICHARD ADDED THAT BOTHA HAD TOLD HIM THAT SOUTH AFRICA
SEEKS SOME SORT OF ASSURANCES ON CUNENE DAM PROJECT, AND IS
QUITE WILLING TO WITHDRAW FROM ANGOLA SHOULD SUCH GUARANTEES
BE GIVEN AND THE RETREAT BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT SOUTH
AFRICA LOSING FACE DOMESTICALLY. BOTHA ASKED FOR RICHARD'S
ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH MPLA, WHICH EFFORTS
RICHARD UNDERTOOK, WITH NO SUCCESS THUS FAR, WITH TANZANIAN
PERMREP SALIM. BRITISH HAVE SUGGESTED TO BOTHA THAT HE ALSO
PURSUE CONTACTS THROUGH MOZAMBIQUE GOVT.

5. RICHARD BELIEVES THAT OAU AFRICANS ARE RESIGNED TO HAVING
AN SC DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICAN ROLE IN ANGOLA LATER THIS MONTH.
HE DOES SEE, HOWEVER, A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY THAT THE MARCH
SCHEDULING OF AN SC DEBATE ON TIMOR COULD DELAY ANGOLA
DISCUSSION. RICHARD BELIEVES THAT ENCOURAGEMENT OF PORTUGUESE
AND CHINESE MIGHT HELP IN MOVING TIMOR ONTO SCHEDULE,
THEREBY, DELAYING ANGOLAN DISCUSSION.

6. FYI: RICHARD DID NOT MENTION WHAT UK MISSION OFFICER
HAD DESCRIBED TO US MARCH 10 AS BOTHA'S APPEAL TO RICHARD
THAT NATO ISSUE CALL FOR SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM
ANGOLA -- A REQUEST WHICH, IN BOTHA'S VIEW, WOULD BE HEeded
AND ENABLE SAG TO SAVE FACE AT HOME. END FYI.

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